

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John W. Rohrer on 4 January 2008.

The application (Claims dated 13 August 2007) has been amended as follows:
In claim 3 line 1 the words "said" has been replaced by the word --a--.

Drawings

4. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the approved replacement drawings dated 1 December 2006 are not formal (i.e. uniformly thick lines and numbers, etc...). Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsperson outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen L. Blau whose telephone number is (571) 272-4406. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM.